

Commission Elects Slate of Officers for 2006-07

At its Commission meeting held in Rancho Cordova on June 23, 2006, the California Student Aid Commission elected new officers to serve during 2006-07. Heading the slate of new officers is Chair James T. Fousekis of San Francisco, with Vice Chair Louise McClain of Jamul, Michele Dyke of Elk Grove as Secretary, and Dean Johnston of Santa Barbara as Treasurer.

Chair James T. Fousekis was first appointed to the Commission in July 2000, and he previously served as Treasurer of the Commission and on several Commission committees, including service as Chair of the Audit Committee. Chair Fousekis is an attorney with the San Francisco office of DLA/PiperRudnick, a large international law firm. Always interested in helping students continue their education beyond high school, he and his wife established the James T. and Susan C. Fousekis scholarship at the University of California at Berkeley for financially needy students. He and his wife are active in community organizations including supporting the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the San Francisco Symphony and the Center for Independent Living. He is immediate past President of the Legal Community Against Violence

Vice Chair Louise McClain was appointed to the Commission in 2000, and has served previously as Vice Chair and on various Commission committees. She is head counselor at Granite Hills High School and has more than 25 years of counseling experience. She is a member of the National Association of College Admission Counselors, the Western Association of College Admission Counselors and the California Teachers Association.

Secretary Michele Dyke has served on the Commission since 2004. Ms. Dyke has over 19 years of experience in university admissions, outreach and financial aid. She is currently a Student Affairs Officer with the University of California, Davis, Early Academic Outreach Program, a pre-collegiate academic development program that prepares educationally and socially disadvantaged students for higher education opportunities.

Treasurer Dean Johnston was appointed to the Commission in 2005. Mr. Johnston currently serves the Board of Trustees of two independent nonprofit colleges and is currently Chief Executive Officer of Santa Barbara Business College. Mr. Johnston has held several national and state leadership positions which include chair of the Accrediting Commission of Independent Colleges and Schools. He also served on the national Board of Directors of the Career College Association. He has served on the Board of Directors and chaired the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools and the Santa Barbara County Workforce Investment Board.

Commission officers also serve on various Commission committees. Five Commission meetings are held each year.